MARSH (Pee:)



10 DOWNING STREET

28th July 1981

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Thank you for your kind letter of 22nd July.

I fully appreciate the reasons why you intend to sit on the Cross Benches, but equally I know that it will not prevent you from speaking out with characteristic frankness as the occasion demands.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

The Rt Hon Lord Marsh

6, BOUVERIE STREET, LONDON, EC4Y 8AY. The Rt. Hon. Sir Richard Marsh Telephone: (01) 583 8132/9 22nd July 1981 R23 Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P., Prime Minister 10 Downing Street WESTMINSTER, S.W.1 Dea languet Benches.

I thought I should write to let you know that I propose taking my seat in the Lords on Tuesday, 28th July, and that it is my intention to sit on the Cross

I have taken this decision largely because of my position as Chairman of the Newspaper Publishers Association, but for what it is worth, I would like to say that I am in no doubt whatsoever the economic policies which you are pursuing are right, and that it would be tragic if understandable pressures caused the Government to change course. I shall have no hesitation in supporting those policies publically.

This may all sound a trifle egocentric, but I felt I would like to make my own position perfectly clear.

With every good wish,

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